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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining a first waist region longitudinally opposed to a second waist region, wherein the first and second waist regions are connectable with each other to form a waist opening, each of the absorbent articles further comprising a printed graphic printed directly on the backsheet; and

wherein the printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association;

wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein each printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the microporous film material;
and

wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles further comprises a nonwoven material joined with the garment facing surface of the microporous film material, and
wherein the printed graphic is visible through the nonwoven material.

2. (Original) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined association includes a predetermined order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in accordance with the predetermined order.

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3. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined association includes a common theme and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in a randomly selected order.
4. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 2, wherein the predetermined order is selected from the group consisting of an order illustrating story, an order for daily activity, an order for educational training, a sequential indication means, an order of usage instruction, an order illustrating child care tips, an order of sales promotion, and combinations thereof.
5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 4, wherein the story includes a children's story, and a cartoon story.
6. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 4, wherein the daily activities includes eating foods, wearing (or changing) a cloth, taking a bath, a toilet activity, making an object, cooking a food, sleeping, and growing a plant.
7. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 4, wherein the educational training includes puzzles or quizzes on mathematics, characters, shapes of goods, combinations of colors, and pattern recognition for intelligence development.
8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 4, wherein the sequential indication means includes a sequential symbol (e.g., numbers and letters) for indicating remaining absorbent articles.

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9. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 3, wherein the common theme includes cartoon characters, transportation means, animals, fruits, vegetables, plants, and seasonal themes.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein n is selected from 11 to 120.

12.-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein each printed graphic is an inkjet printed graphic.

23. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product of Claim 1 ~~±~~ 30, wherein the sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region of the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles ~~comprises~~ is a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein each printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the microporous film material.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 23, wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles further comprises a nonwoven material joined with the garment facing surface of the microporous film material, and wherein the printed graphic is visible through the nonwoven material.

25. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorbent product of Claim 1 ~~±~~ 30, wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region of the backsheet is a

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nonwoven material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, wherein the body facing surface of the nonwoven is joined with the garment facing surface of the microporous film material, and wherein the printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the nonwoven material.

26. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining longitudinally opposed waist regions connectable with each other to form a waist opening,~~
The absorbent product of claim 1, wherein each of the absorbent articles further comprises
~~comprising~~ a second printed graphic printed directly on the topsheet; and

wherein the second printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the second printed graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association.

27. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorbent product of Claim 26, wherein the topsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a nonwoven material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the second printed graphic is printed directly on the body facing surface of the nonwoven material.

28. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining longitudinally opposed waist regions connectable with each other to form a waist opening,~~
The absorbent product of claim 1, wherein each of the absorbent articles further comprises
~~comprising~~ a second printed graphic printed directly on the absorbent core; and

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wherein the second printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the second printed graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association.

29 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorbent product of Claim 28, wherein the absorbent core of each of the absorbent articles comprises an acquisition layer having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the second printed graphic is printed directly on the body facing surface of the acquisition layer.

30. (New) An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining a first waist region longitudinally opposed to a second waist region, wherein the first and second waist regions are connectable with each other to form a waist opening, and wherein the backsheet comprises a sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region, each of the absorbent articles further comprising a printed graphic printed directly on the sheet of material; and

wherein the printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association.

31. (New) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein the predetermined association includes a predetermined order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in accordance with the predetermined order.

32. (New) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein each printed graphic is an inkjet printed graphic.